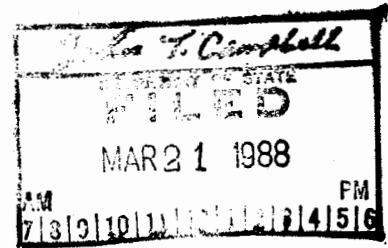


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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 88-06

WHEREAS, Henry C. Hester, the Mayor of the City of North Myrtle Beach, has been convicted by the Pettit Jury of Horry County on one count of conspiracy, a crime involving moral turpitude; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution provides that in the case of conviction of any officer of the State or its political subdivisions for a crime involving moral turpitude such office shall be declared vacant; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-7-200 S. C. Code of Laws, 1976 ("Code") provides the grounds for forfeiture of office of Mayor if a mayor is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude and provides for a special election; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hester, resigned from the Office of Mayor on Friday, March 18, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-7-190 of the Code provides the Mayor pro tempore shall serve as mayor if a vacancy occurs in the Office of Mayor until a successor is elected; and

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WHEREAS, I am mindful of the obligations and duties placed on me by the statutes and Constitution of South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby declare the office of the Mayor of the City of North Myrtle Beach vacant and that the Mayor pro tempore, Robert V. Smith, shall serve as Mayor until such time that a special election may be held and a successor is elected and qualified to serve.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 21st
DAY OF MARCH, 1988.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:


JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State